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## Boyfriend Charged with Toddler's Murder In Domestic Violence Case

A man suspected of fatally stabbing a 2-year-old girl and attacking her pregnant mother was charged today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Lataz Gray (dob 7/30/93) is scheduled to be arraigned today in Department 30 at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center in case BA446398. Prosecutors will ask that his bail be set at \$4.5 million.

Gray is charged with killing Maliaya T., and stabbing her pregnant 22-year-old mother on Monday during a domestic dispute. The attack occurred in the 3500 block of Arlington Avenue shortly before 10 p.m. He is charged with one count of murder with a special use allegation and two counts of attempted, premeditated murder.

Deputy District Attorney Mario Haidar with the Family Violence Division is prosecuting the case.

If convicted, Smith faces up to life in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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